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SUBJECT: SELF-DECLARED "BRAZILIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION"
SENDS THREATENING LETTERS

1. DURING THE PAST TWO-THREE WEEK -- I.E., SUBSEQUENT TO THE NOVEMBER 15 ELECTIONS -- SEVERAL LAWYERS IN RIO DE JANEIRO AND SAO PAULO RECEIVED A THREATENING COMMUNICATION FROM A GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE "BRAZILIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION" (AAB). ENCLOSING A RIO NEWSPAPER'S ACCOUNT OF THE RECENT ASSASSINATION BY THE ARGENTINE ANTI-COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION OF TWO LEFT-WING LADY LAWYERS IN SANTA FE, ARGENTINE, THE LETTER DECLARES THAT THE ADDRESSEE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A "PERVERSE DEFENDER OF THOSE WHO IN THE NAME OF A SOCIALISTIC 'NEW ORDER' ROB, ASSAULT, AND KILL FAMILY HEADS AND KIDNAP AUTHORITIES AND DEFENSELESS PERSONS". WARNING THE RECIPIENTS THAT THEIR "HOUR HAS ARRIVED", THE MESSAGE DECLARES THAT THE AAB INTENDS IN THE NAME OF ITS OWN "NEW ORDER" TO "ELIMINATE THOSE WHO HAVE FEATHERED THEIR OWN NEST AND HAVE ENRICHED
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THEMSELVES AT THE COST OF THE SUFFERING OF OTHERS".

2. WHILE MOST OF THE RECIPIENTS (SOME MODERATES, SOME LEFTISTS) HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN POLITICAL-PRISONER CASES, AT LEAST ONE RECIPIENT IN SAO PAULO HAS NOT; CONVERSELY, NOT ALL LAWYERS PROMINENTLY ACTIVE IN SUCH CASES IN RIO RECEIVED THE LETTER. CONGEN SAO PAULO REPORTS THAT THE IMPLICATION THAT THE GROUP IS OPERATING WITH DATED, INCOMPLETE, AND/OR ERRONEOUS INFORMATION LED AN ORDER OF BRAZILIAN LAWYERS (OAB) SOURCE TO SUSPECT THAT THE CULPRITS MAY BE THE ULTRA-RIGHT-WING BRAZILIAN SOCIETY FOR THE DEFENSE OF TRADITION, FAMILY, AND PROPERTY (TFP). PROMINENT MDB AUTENTICO DEPUTY LYSANEAS MACIEL TOLD EMBOFF HE THOUGHT LETTERS WERE FROM SOME KIND OF CRACKPOT ORGANIZATION, THAT THEY WERE THE SORT OF THING TFP WOULD DO, AND THAT THERE WAS PROBABLY SOME TFP CONNECTION WITH THE LETTERS. SOME LAWYERS IN RIO SPECULATED TO THE CONGEN THERE THAT THE LETTER'S LANGUAGE SUGGESTS ITS AUTHORS ARE POLICEMEN, WHILE OTHERS BELIEVED THE LETTER TO BE OF MILITARY ORIGIN, INCLUDING PERHAPS RETIRED OFFICERS. REPORTS CONGEN RIO, "IF THERE IS SOME SORT OF CONSENSUS IT IS TO THE EFFECT THAT LETTER REPRESENTS AN EXPRESSION OF FRUSTRATION AND CONCERN OF A LUNATIC FRINGE OVER THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTIONS AND, PERHAPS, ALSO THIRST FOR PUBLICITY".

3. REACTION AMONG THE RECIPIENTS HAS BEEN MIXED: CONGEN SAO PAULO REPORTED THAT ASSOCIATES OF ONE RECIPIENT APPEARED TO BE "TAKING THE MATTER CALMLY, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THAT TFP IS BEHIND THE LETTERS AND THEY BELIEVE THE TFP TO BE AN INEFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION INCAPABLE OF FOLLOWING THROUGH ON THE THREATS". ACCORDING TO CONGEN RIO, "ALTHOUGH SOME TAKE THE LETTER SERIOUSLY, OTHERS DO NOT. ONE LAWYER NOTED WRYL: 'WE WON'T KNOW IF IT'S SERIOUS UNTIL ONE OF US IS KILLED'".

4. IN THE MEATIME, REPORTS CONGEN SAO PAULO, "MDB SENATOR FRANCO MONTORO REPORTEDLY HAS HELD CONVERSATIONS

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WITH II ARMY COMMANDER EDNARDO D'AVILA MELLO AND WITH GENERAL GOLBERY TO PROTEST THESE THREATS. THE RESPONSE WHICH HAS FILTERED BACK TO THE OAB IS THAT PRESIDENT GEISEL WANTS TO HAVE THE MATTER INVESTIGATED AND ASCERTAIN WHO ARE THE CULPRITS". THE PRESIDENT OF THE OAB WAS ALSO REPORTED BY CONGEN RIO AS HAVING INTENDED TO BRING THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF FEDERAL AUTHORITIES. IF THAT DEMARCHE IS MADE OR

HAS BEEN MADE, ADDS THE CONGEN, "NEW YORK TIMES"
REPORTER MARVINE HOWE (WHO PROVIDED CONGEN SAO PAULO
WITH A COPY OF THE LETTER) MAY WELL FILE A STORY ON
THIS SUBJECT.
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